

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S COMMENT

An Examiner's amendment was proposed to change the wording of claim 23 on December 3, 2008 (see Examiner Initiated Interview), which was not accepted by the applicant. After further discussion and reconsideration, the Examiner is persuaded that the amendment filed November 12, 2008 to claim 23 has overcome the 112 1st Paragraph rejection of new matter. The 112 1st Paragraph rejection was based on the "simultaneous closing" of a chamber at one axial end and "opening of the same chamber at the other axial end of the profile member", which is not supported by the original disclosure. The Amendment filed on November 12, 2008 recites the limitation directed to "a chamber at its maximum volume to be **simultaneously adjacent** to a disappearing chamber at one axial end of the profiled members and to an appearing chamber at the other axial end of the profiled members." The claim limitation is no longer directed towards the simultaneous opening and closing of the chamber. The current amended claim recites the limitation of "simultaneously **adjacent**", which has been construed to mean the maximum volume chamber being adjacent at one axial end to a disappearing chamber and adjacent to an appearing chamber at the other axial end at the same time (i.e. **simultaneously adjacent**). The chamber at its maximum volume that is "simultaneously adjacent" to a disappearing chamber and an appearing chamber is supported in the specification on Pages 25-26, and therefore, the 112 1st Paragraph has been withdrawn.

Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARY A. DAVIS whose telephone number is (571)272-9965. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday; 6:30 am - 5:00 pm.

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